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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Pointless Proposal

MARSHAL Stalin's replies to the questions whether he thought an international war was closer today than two years ago, and if he considered a meeting of the heads of the big Powers could produce useful results were principally notable for their categorical nature. To the first question he satisfied himself with an abrupt "No," and to the second an unqualified "Yes." To a third query whether he believed Capitalism and Communism could happily co-exist Marshal Stalin gave an elaborate reply, laying down what he regards as golden rules for co-existence. These, by inference, he also conceives as being essential for the preservation of world peace, and additionally to form the basis of any personal discussions between himself, Mr. Churchill and President Truman. The principles which he enunciates to make possible co-existence of opposites break no new ground; they have been accepted for years by all the world's leading statesmen. But it is noteworthy that the Soviet leader made no attempt to commit his country to any practicable interpretation of those principles.

ORD Reading undoubtedly reflects popular opinion when he says that "we should be reluctant to turn down any opportunity of discussion with Russia." Nevertheless, it is necessary to take into consideration a variety of circumstances. Mr. Churchill was himself an ardent advocate of top level talks last year but was apparently convinced after his visit to Washington in January that little of value could result from any such discussions at that time. Nor can it be said that Russia, either by her actions or attitude, has since then given any tangible signs that a meeting of national leaders would produce a closer harmony of views and intentions than the futile Big Four conferences which have intermittently been convened during the past three or four years. It does not need a Truman-Churchill-Stalin meeting for Russia to call a halt to the cold war which she instigated, any more than it is such a meeting likely to persuade Russia to behave in an honourable member of the United Nations.

Red Sea Drama: Crew's Gallantry Saves Ship

Chinese Reds Say They Would Like To Trade With Britain

Moscow, Apr. 3. China is in the midst of a tremendous industrialisation and feels a great need for capital, goods, but she also wants to maintain a proper balance of trade, Mr. Nan Han-chan, leader of the Chinese delegation to the world economic conference here and a Director of the People's Bank of China, told British businessmen in the Russian capital today.

In a two-hour discussion on trade possibilities with British representatives, the Chinese delegation further said that China's need for consumer goods was vast because of the policy of improving the nation's high standard of living.

The British businessmen included Mr. D. R. Lorimer, Director of the British Locomotive Company, which has a long tradition of trade with China.

The Chinese negotiators also included the Vice-Minister for Trade and Mr. Lu Hien-chang, Manager of the China Import and Export Company.

The British representatives, led by Mr. Sidney Silverman, Labour Members of Parliament, told the Chinese that they wanted to buy Chinese oilseeds, grain, foodstuffs, bird-seed and eggs and to sell to China organic chemicals, pharmaceutical products, dyestuffs and textiles.

Mr. Lorimer said that his industry was interested in long-term contracts and when asked if the Chinese were prepared to purchase consumer goods immediately, Mr. Nan replied, "We undoubtedly will."

Both delegations agreed to exchange lists of the products each would be prepared to import and export and to meet again on Saturday.

The British Delegates plan to hold similar talks with the Russians, Poles, Czechs and Japanese.

When the world economic conference opened in Moscow's Trade Union House this afternoon, the Initiating Committee's Secretary, M. Robert Chamberlain, welcomed the 500 business, trade union and co-operative delegates.

The Committee, he said, invited the delegates to consider in what ways developments of normal trade relations between countries and an increase in the volume of foreign trade could promote an extension of national production, full employment and decreases in living costs.



J. HOWARD McGRATH

McGrath Sacks "Corruption" Investigator, Then Resigns

Washington, Apr. 3. The United States Attorney General, Mr. Howard McGrath, has resigned, President Truman told a crowded Press conference here today.

He said that Mr. McGrath had just telephoned his resignation personally.

President Truman immediately appointed Mr. James P. McGranery, a Federal Judge from Pennsylvania, and a former member of Congress, to be the new Attorney-General.

Mr. McGrath, today dismissed Mr. Newbold Morris, the Government's "corruption" investigator.

Mr. Morris was appointed to the post on February 1 last to ferret out corruption in the Government and controversy has raged around his appointment ever since.

His letter to Mr. Morris requested him to deliver all files, records and documents in his office to the FBI whose Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, was with Mr. McGrath when he called reporters to announce Mr. Morris' dismissal.

Mr. McGrath wrote to Mr. Morris notifying him of the dismissal. He refused to say whether President Truman had approved it.

It has followed a series of clashes including an apparently heated argument between the President and Mr. McGrath while they waited to welcome Queen Juliana at the airport yesterday.

There had been speculation that Mr. McGrath himself might resign because of the row about a financial questionnaire which Mr. Morris sent to Government officials.

Mr. McGrath last Monday told a Congressional Sub-Committee that he was not inclined to fill in the questionnaire which asked Government officials for details of their private income. He would not appoint Mr. Morris as investigator if he had to make the appointment again, he added.

A Judiciary Committee refused Mr. Morris power to subpoena people for his investigation.

Officials in the tax division of the Justice Department are alleged to have failed to prosecute tax defaulters in return for bribes. The allegations are a main issue in the presidential election campaign.

Mr. Morris, a Republican, was a former President of the New York City Council.—Reuter.

Mother Appeals To Queen

Hull, Apr. 3. The mother of Corporal Tom Houghton, 23-year-old British soldier, sentenced to death by court martial in the Suez Canal Zone for shooting an officer, has petitioned Queen Elizabeth. "As you love your little son, I beg of Your Majesty to intercede and save mine," she wrote from her home here today. The sentence passed on Houghton has not yet been confirmed.—Reuter.

Explosion Kills 3

Suez, Apr. 3. Weary sailors of nine European nations today tolled to clear the decks of their battered ship, the 8,000-ton Swedish tanker, Trykon, which limped into port earlier today, a mass of twisted and smouldering steel.

An explosion in one of her tanks had almost torn the ship apart and the fire which followed had nearly sunk her. Three of the crew had been lost, one badly burned and the others had laboured for three days to bring her through the Red Sea to port.

The master of the Trykon, Swedish Captain Henri Leander, told how his ship was steaming southwards in the Red Sea on Monday afternoon when she was suddenly rocked by a violent explosion.

It killed a 19-year-old Swedish deck-boy and catapulted two seamen, one Swedish and one Dutch, into the sea. Neither had been seen since.

Fierce fires which broke out in five of the ship's tanks immediately afterwards could not be controlled because the fire-fighting equipment had been blown away.

The fires took four hours to burn out and the crew then managed to turn the ship about and make for Suez.

The Trykon was in danger of sinking all the time during the 500-mile journey.

Captain Leander would take no personal credit for bringing his damaged ship to port but praised his "United Nations" crew, made up of Swedes, Italians, Belgians, Germans, Latvians and Poles.

"I am not a hero," he said. "Certainly not one of Captain Carlsen's type. My feeling is one of great sorrow. I have lost three men I loved. I have practically lost my ship. My only consolation is that this tragedy might have been more serious."

The explosion is believed to have been caused by an accumulation of oil gases.—Reuter.

Tanker Ablaze At Anchorage

Glasgow, Apr. 3. With her plates almost red hot, a fully laden 8,000-ton oil tanker, the Trykon, erupted smoke and flame at her anchorage in Glasgow today while firemen and sailors fought to keep the tanks intact.

Three Indian seamen were burned, and two of them detained in hospital.

Fire fighters had to rush to the shore for breathing apparatus because of the choking smoke in the pump-room where the fire started.

Oxyacetylene burners carved a hole in the ship's bunkers to let the firemen get their hoses and foam apparatus to the seat of the fire.

A fire tug alongside played hoses to cool down the plates while two others stood by to beach the ship if necessary. All fire brigades in Glasgow, Paisley and Greenock areas of Scotland were mobilised.

Huge quantities of chemical foam were poured in till the fire was controlled.

The ship, the Wave Ruler, had arrived in the Clyde yesterday from the Persian Gulf.—Reuter.

4,000 Soldiers In Quarantine

London, Apr. 3. Four thousand soldiers at Blandford military camp, Dorset, were placed in quarantine today because of suspected ampalox from a soldier in No. 18 training battalion of the Royal Army Service Corps stationed there.

He is now a patient in sick quarters. It is understood the suspect is a contact from Aldershot, where there has already been an outbreak.—Reuter.

Banishment Without Trial: Commons Questions

London, Apr. 3. The practice of banishment without trial in the Colonies was today discussed in Parliament.

Mr. Joseph Grimond, Labour, asked Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, if he will abolish such banishment in those Colonies where this power still exists.

Mr. Lyttelton: "The hon. Member will be aware that consultations on this subject have been going on with the Colonial Governments concerned. I am considering their views and certain questions of policy which arise. I hope to be in a position to make a statement to the House within the next few weeks."

Mr. Grimond: "Can we take it that these consultations are now entirely complete, and that the Secretary of State is favourably disposed towards the abolition of banishment without trial?"

Mr. Lyttelton: "In principle I am in favour of getting rid of banishment without trial, but there are one or two important matters which arise in special circumstances, such as in Malaya and Hongkong, to which I am now giving attention and I hope to make a statement soon." — Our Own Correspondent.

Pinay's Bombshell For Assembly

Paris, Apr. 3. The Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today suddenly called for a formal vote of confidence in the National Assembly, staking the life of his government on Assembly approval of a minor item in his budget programme.

The dramatic action stunned the Assembly.

M. Pinay's "defend the franc" programme had survived three virtual confidence votes yesterday and another earlier today, but the Premier apparently wanted a clear mandate from the Assembly.

"I have the impression you are playing a game to hamper my programme," he told Leftist hecklers just before he let off a formal vote of confidence. The Assembly set the time for the confidence vote at 8.30 p.m. GMT next Tuesday.

Under the French Constitution, a minimum period of 24 hours is required from the time a confidence vote is called until a vote is taken. M. Pinay called for a vote on an issue which is not expected to cause him any trouble.

The vote will come on a proposal to block 95,000,000 francs (or US\$271,415,000) in State investment credits until the money can be raised by a national loan. The 24-day-old government will fall automatically if the proposal is defeated.

M. Pinay called for a vote just when his government seemed to be succeeding where two other governments have fallen since the beginning of the year. Both the previous governments were unable to get the record 1952 budget through the Chamber of Deputies.—United Press.

WINS APPROVAL

Paris, Apr. 3. France's first Conservative Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today scored a substantial victory in the battle for his "Save The Franc" budget.

Firstly, the Assembly approved economy measures of 100,000,000 francs (210,000,000) by 351 votes. These cuts in expenditure apply to the civil estimates for the reconstruction and industrial development programmes.

Secondly, the Assembly agreed to the freezing of another 100,000,000 francs on the reconstruction and investment credits to be decided by a vote of confidence next Tuesday. This means that this measure is almost certain to be adopted.

M. Pinay made some concessions to his critics today, but these left the essential structure of his budget unaltered.

Under pressure from the Peasant group of Deputies he agreed that there will be no cuts in the credits for agricultural promotion.

He also agreed that Parliament should have the right to veto his economy decrees during six weeks after their publication. This right had always been granted to Parliament in the past when investing the Government with economy powers and no case is on record where Parliament has reversed a Government decision taken by decree that is, without consulting Parliament about the detailed application of economy measures.—Reuter.

BOYS SLASHED WITH RAZORS

Glasgow, Apr. 3. Detectives were today searching for three youths who slashed with razors two boys taking a short cut home through a lonely tunnel under the Forth of Clyde Canal in the Marshall district.

The boys, Peter O'Hare, 16, and Archibald MacDonald, 17, had to have treatment for gashes to face and hands.—Reuter.

Steel Ring Closes Round Reds

Brilliant Action By French Forces

Saigon, Apr. 3. The steel ring around the trapped pocket of Communist rebels encircled by French Union forces tightened today as French headquarters announced that over 2,000 Red troops were killed or captured in the past eight days.

The French communiqué was issued as French Union troops reduced the pocket.

French naval units at the mouth of the Sontray River yesterday took a number of Vietnamese prisoners on nearby beaches as they were trying to escape from the French circle.

At the same time systematic searches carried out in villages in the region led to the arrest of a number of "peasants" who were suspected of being, in reality, Vietnamese soldiers.

COMMUNIST LOSSES

The communiqué said that Communist forces had lost 1,100 killed and 1,200 taken prisoner in the Thai Binh pocket since March 25.

In the rest of the Red River delta, the communiqué said, the Communists are active, especially in the western zone north of the Red River.

In the southern zone only small-scale sabotage operations against French communications have been reported.

However, in the Ninh Giang area, 40 miles southeast of Hanoi, an engagement between French and Red troops accounted for 20 killed and 16 taken prisoner among the Vietnamese forces.

French air activity has been cut down to almost zero because of bad flying conditions, the communiqué said.—United Press.

Fisticuffs In Parliament

Vienna, Apr. 3. Deputies punched and melled each other for several minutes before the President could restore order in the lower Austrian Provincial Parliament today.

The fight began when a Communist Deputy punched a Right-wing delegate on the nose, and drew blood.

The Communists shouted at the majority Party: "You Fascist clowns; you blow up dwarfs."

When the President had restored order many members bore the scars of battle.

The Deputies had been listening to the President's speech on the Austrian State treaty when the trouble began.—Reuter.

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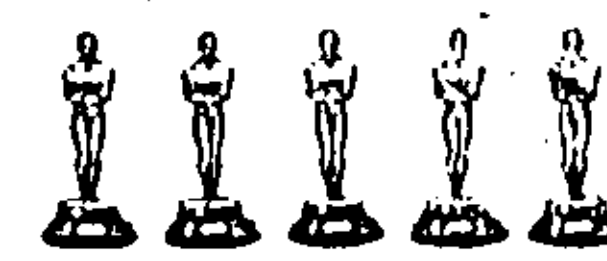
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Little three-year-old Zyndram Modelska, a Polish child from Kennington, arriving at the Royal Academy on receiving day with his mother's painting "Christ In An Olive Garden." The Exhibition of accepted works is to open on May 3. (Central Press).

RUSSIA'S GROWING AIR POWER

Britain Warned

London, Apr. 3.
The Air Minister, Lord de Lisle and Dudley, warned Britain today that Russia was developing a "powerful long range bomber force" and producing large numbers of high performance intercepter fighters.
He told the House of Lords in a debate on air defence that eyes were fixed on the great armies which Russia and her satellites maintained at readiness and added, "I am not sure that public opinion fully realises the importance of air power in the total Soviet military strength."
He said that in the last war Russia used air power as an auxiliary to her army but it was apparent that she had now appreciated the value of air power in its own right.
Lord de Lisle and Dudley said that United States air power had so far prevented a major military adventure but not continuous subversive infiltration in Asia where a Communist success could tip the balance against the West.
He said that Britain must in air power for home defence rely upon her allies. She led the world in engine design and had developed air frames and armaments to match.
But her defence would cause deep concern until her planes included a high proportion of fighters with swept-back wings capable of matching the Russian MIG-15.
He disclosed that a second four-jet Valiant bomber — the type which will form the foundation of a long range bomber force, would soon be flying.
The first prototype was lost but it had flown long enough to establish the "exceedingly high quality of this aircraft," — Reuters.

Minister Silent On Main Point

Capetown, Apr. 3.
South Africa tonight announced the creation of nine decorations and medals but the Defence Minister, Mr. Francois Erasmus, was silent when asked if they would replace the existing British decorations, including the Victoria Cross.
Announcing their creation at the Van Riebeeck Festival Fair Stadium, Mr. Erasmus said that the Queen had consented to their institution. — Reuters.

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Illegal Whaling By Soviet?

Capetown, Apr. 3.
A Russian whaler may be taking part in illegal whaling after the official closed season, shipping sources said here today.
The whaling season finished on March 1 and since then all the whalers have returned to home waters and reported their total catch — except the Russian factory ship *Slava*. — United Press.

FAMOUS COURT CASE RECALLED

Oakham, England, Apr. 3.
The ninth Earl Fitzwilliam, whose title was the prize in one of the costliest court actions in England's history, died today after a short illness.

The 62-year-old Peer's title and a fortune of about a million pounds sterling as a result of the trial a year ago go to his 47-year-old second cousin, Captain W. T. G. W. ("Tom") Fitzwilliam.
George J. ("Toby") Fitzwilliam, brother of Tom and the plaintiff in the lawsuit, gets nothing.

Toby brought the suit in an attempt to prove that his mother and father were married before his birth in 1888. This would have made him their legitimate son and hence heir to the title and fortune.

The court ruled that while there was ample evidence his mother and father had regularly lived together before Toby was born, they did not get married until after he came.

The father of the two brothers was George Fitzwilliam, blue-blooded member of the elite Royal Horse Guards. Their mother was an actress, Evelyn Lister. The court said the marriage was delayed because the liaison was frowned upon by Fitzwilliam's father.

The 10-day trial was estimated to have cost the litigants around \$80,000.

Curiously, unmarried Capt. Tom is the third childless holder of the title in a row. The Ninth Earl succeeded to the title four years ago when a childless cousin died in a plane crash in France. The Ninth Earl was married in 1912 but was divorced five years later without begetting any children.
The Earl's date back to 1716. High taxes have hit the estate hard since the time of the multi-millionaire seventh Earl. He was reputed to have been worth \$5,000,000 and to have had annual income from his coal mine holdings alone of \$500,000. — Associated Press.

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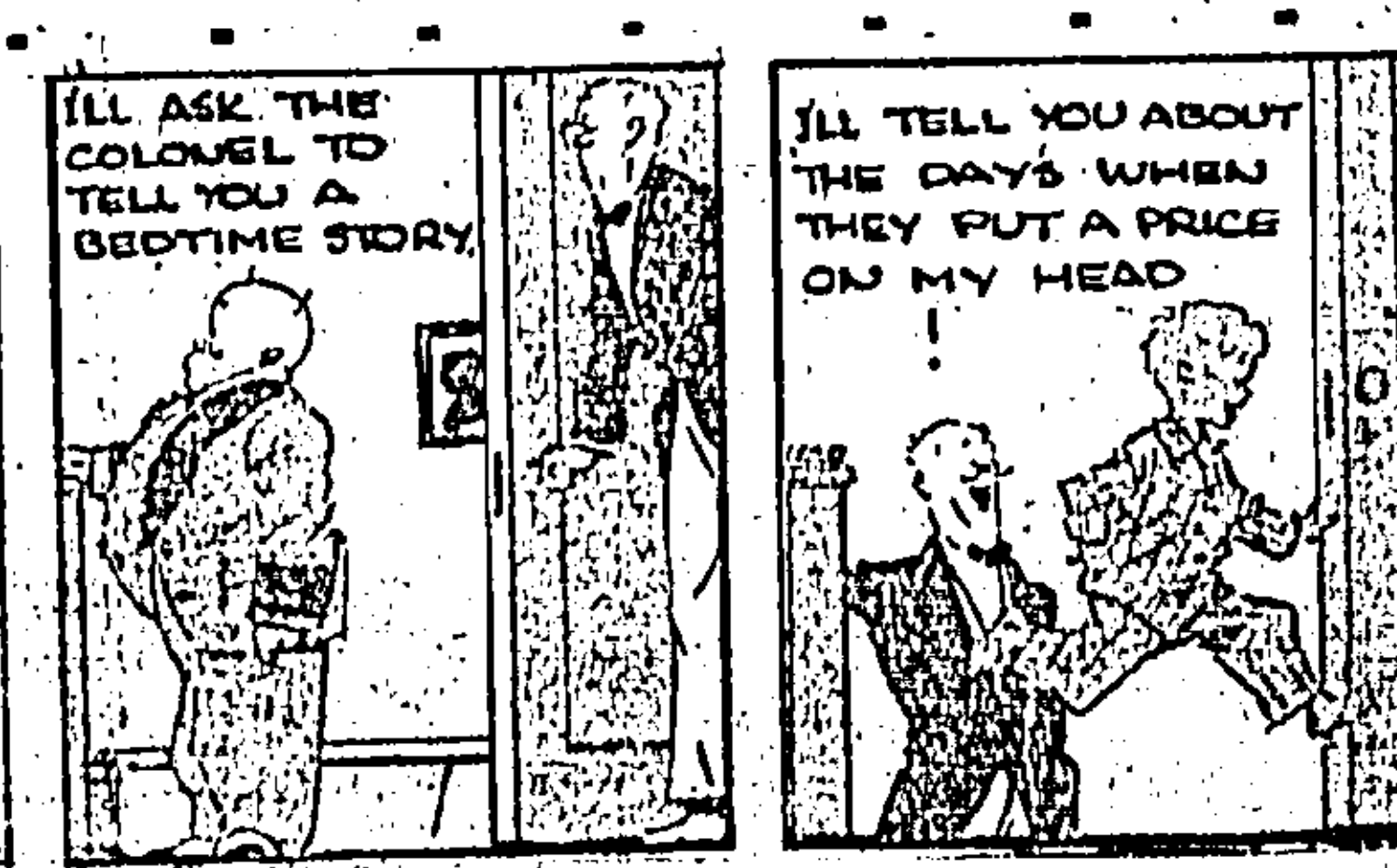
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Senator Lodge Predicts First Ballot Victory For Gen. Eisenhower

Diary Keeping Banned By U.S.

Washington, Apr. 3. The American Army today forbade soldiers abroad to keep diaries. This follows the publication by the Communists of excerpts from the diary kept by General Robert Grow when he was Military Attaché in Moscow. The Air Force imposed similar restrictions on members of Air Attache missions abroad and a spokesman said that the Navy was considering a similar order.—Reuter.

Flowing Saris Instead Of Swim Suits

Bombay, Apr. 3. A Hindu-boycotted beauty contest in a final session today picked "Miss India" from beauties parading in flowing saris instead of brief swim suits.

She is American-educated Indrani Rahman, 23-year-old wife of a Calcutta architect, who now qualifies as a contestant in the "Miss Universe" search by a Hollywood movie firm offering glittering prizes.

One hundred orthodox Hindus picketed Bombay's Barabhai Stadium where the judging took place. They carried placards alleging the parading of "half-naked" women was "against the spirit of India." Some 200 police were on duty. Ten thousand spectators watched the show.

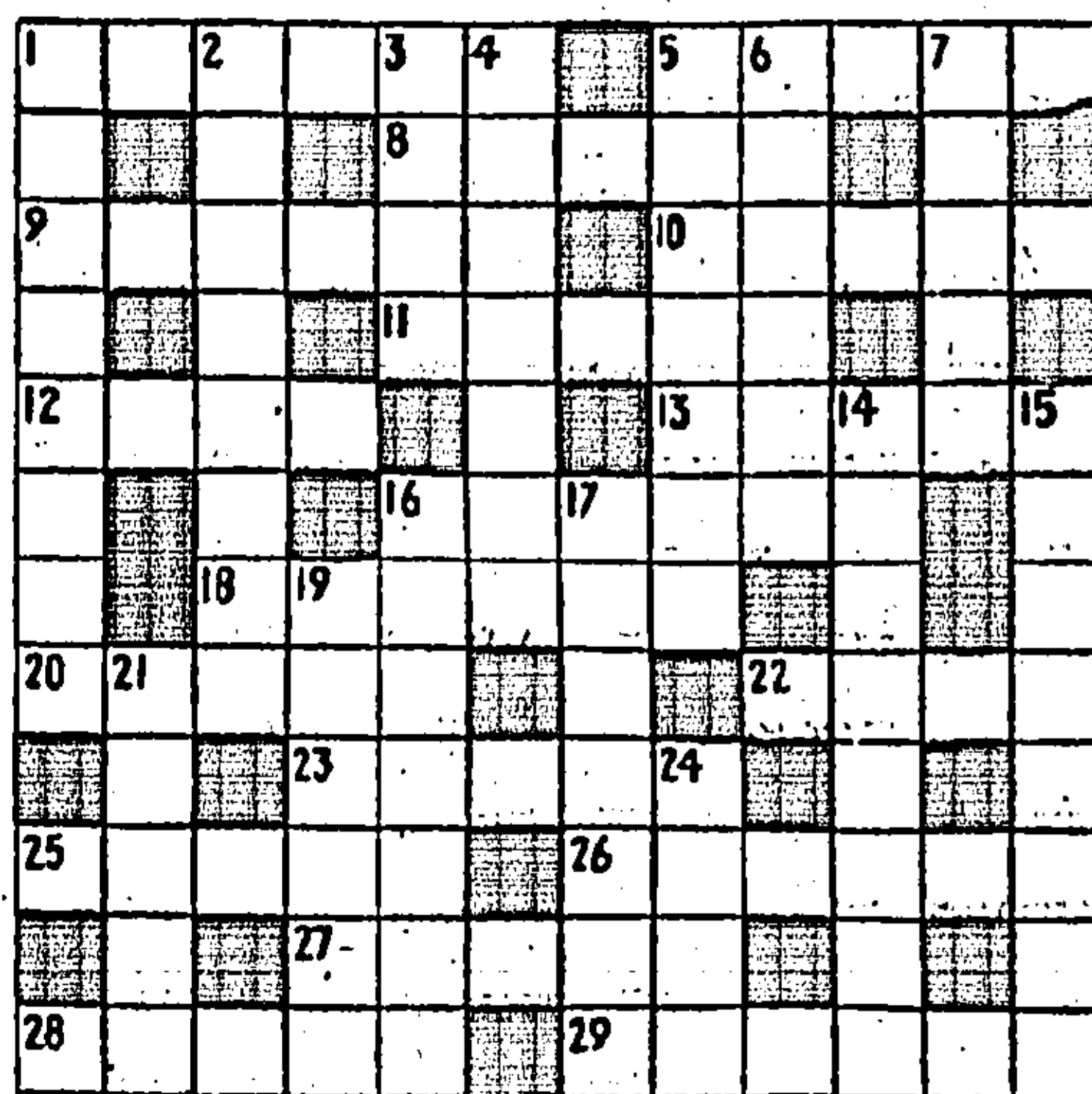
There were previous attempts to boycott the contest in semi-finals held in other Indian cities.—Associated Press.

Just A Friendly Chitchat

Cairo, Apr. 3. Sir Ralph Stevenson, tonight invited to dinner Egypt's Foreign Minister, Hassouna Pasha, and Anna Pasha, Ambassador to Britain.

A British spokesman said that the dinner was "outside the sphere of the present Anglo-Egyptian talks."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Quality that excites pity (6).
5 Ease off (5).
8 Spirit of evil (5).
9 Below ground level (6).
10 Money bag (5).
11 Rescued (5).
12 Decays (4).
13 Birds' homes (5).
16 Demure (6).
18 Brought up (6).
20 Exhausted (6).
22 Volcanic discharge (4).
23 Flower (5).
25 Special aptitude (5).
26 Over-ate (6).
27 Narrow straps for guiding horse (5).
28 Requested (5).
29 March (6).

DOWN
1 Fancy cakes (8).
2 Medicinal solution (8).
3 Poems (4).
4 Member of a legislative body (7).
5 Mellowed (7).
6 Geta away (8).
7 Advantage (6).
14 Throttle (8).
15 Sit astride (8).
16 Fully-developed (7).
17 Scheme (7).
18 Whole (6).
21 Mating (6).
24 Attitude (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Italy, 7 Divan, 8 Leap, 9 Tome, 10 Debates, 12 Able, 15 Gored, 18 Germ, 19 Root, 21 Leads, 22 Dips, 23 Olive, 24 Punk, 25 Averted, 30 Ante, 31 Tier, 32 Street, 33 Tory, 34 Down, 35 Slew, 36 Ravaged, 4 Across, 5 Flea, 6 Fall, 8 Term, 11 Torino, 13 Blue, 14 Eds, 16 Drive, 17 Clay, 18 Gain, 20 Operate, 22 Dive, 24 Later, 25 Robb, 27 Unit, 28 Tart.

Paris, Apr. 3.

Senator Cabot Lodge, Jr., General Eisenhower's campaign manager, said here today that the "General can win without going back to campaign" in the Republican presidential nomination election.

Here to see General Eisenhower, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, said at Orly Airport, "I have always said that Ike quite conceivably could win on the first ballot of the convention. Now, I say that it is quite possible."

Senator Lodge will hold his first conference with General Eisenhower at Allied Supreme Headquarters at Rocquencourt tomorrow.

Senator Lodge posed for photographers, waving his "I like Ike" campaign button and speaking fluent French as well as English for the benefit of French cameramen.

"I can't tell you," Senator Lodge said when he was asked exactly what he and General Eisenhower would discuss.

He emphatically denied that he had come to Paris to ask General Eisenhower to go home. "I will not ask the General to do so. His return is not a political matter. It is all a question of when he has done over here. He could win without coming back."

Meanwhile, the latest developments in the presidential race in the United States are:

TRUMAN FORMULA

President Truman faced questioning at his news conference about the desire for a "wide open" national convention expressed by three Democratic Senators running for the presidential nomination.

Senator Estes Kefauver (Tennessee) said that he was sure that President Truman would "maintain a hands off attitude" and "remain neutral" and that his next "big test" will be against Governor Adlai Stevenson (Illinois) on the Oregon primary.

Senator Richard Russell (Georgia) spurned the suggestions made of a Stevenson-Russell ticket but he said that a "great many of my friends" are talking of a Russell-Stevenson ticket.

Senator Robert Kerr (Oklahoma) said that he was still in the running despite his defeat by Kefauver in the Nebraska primary.

TAFT BUOYED UP

Senator Robert Taft (Ohio) predicted that his effort in the Illinois primary next Tuesday "will be very successful" and said that Wisconsin voters had given Harold Stassen the "cold shoulder and showed him what they thought of him."

The former Minnesota Governor Stassen, said, "Many things can happen between now and July" and he added that he would continue his campaign on the "platform I believe in and discuss issues as I see them for the people's benefit."

Senator Cabot Lodge, Jr., (Massachusetts), in Paris to see General Eisenhower, said that the results of the Wisconsin and Nebraska primaries would not have the "slightest influence on the General's return home."

Governor Earl Warren (California) said that he was pleased with the outcome of the Wisconsin primary and that he was looking forward to going to Oregon where he will have a "better opportunity" to campaign.

STUMPING TOUR

Senator Robert Taft set forth on a stumping tour of Illinois today heartened by his victories in Wisconsin, Nebraska and Tennessee and was determined to make it four in a row.

He was obviously pleased with the three-fold victory he scored yesterday as he arrived at Joliet, Illinois, to begin a three-day swing of Illinois before the primary next Tuesday.

"I think the primary will be very successful," he said. Senator Taft will be opposed in Illinois by former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota whom Taft soundly beat twice on Tuesday in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Taft said that in his opinion the Nebraska primary was more significant because "it involved a write-in campaign which was the method chosen by the Eisenhower-Stevenson team."

Most observers are inclined to agree. He picked up 15 of Nebraska's delegates to score the first write-in victory over General Eisenhower.

In Wisconsin he won 24 of the State's 30 delegates and the Tennessee Republican convention voted him 19 of their 20 delegates.—United Press.

General Election In Ceylon

Colombo, Apr. 3.

Mr Dudley Senanayake, the Prime Minister, in a statement on the general election—the first since the Ceylon became a Dominion in February, 1948—said today that it was barely a week since he accepted an invitation to form a Government.

"The promises of co-operation which I received from my colleagues in Parliament as well as representatives of all sections of the community gave me strength to undertake this task," he said.

"Though I have a promise of co-operation from the majority of Members of Parliament as well as the good wishes of the country, I feel it my duty to obtain a mandate from the people at the earliest opportunity."

In a proclamation gazetted this evening, the Governor General, Lord Soulbury, dissolved the Ceylon Parliament with effect from April 8 and named April 28 as the date for the nomination of candidates.

Lord Soulbury has summoned the new Parliament to meet on June 10. He has fixed the period for the general election as April 28 to May 31.—Reuter.

Trade Unionists Begin Feud

Kingston, Jamaica, Apr. 3. The People's National (Socialist Opposition) Party today announced the formation of a new trade union under its sponsorship to be called the National Workers Union.

Leading party executives will organize the union. On March 31 the party expelled Mr. Kenneth Hill, Mayor of Kingston and President of the Trades Union Congress, his brother and two other members accused of Communist activities.

The People's National Party decided then to disassociate itself completely from the Trades Union Congress, which had been affiliated with it.—Reuter.

Peron Releases Socialists



At his residence in Buenos Aires, President Peron at the head of table, with Interior Minister Dr. Borloughi on his right, presides at a meeting to discuss liberation of Socialists who were imprisoned a year ago. The meeting was the outcome of a personal call on the President by Dr. Enrique Dickmann, leader of the Socialist Party in opposition to President Peron. Other leaders of the Socialist Party said that Dr. Dickmann acted without authority of his party, but as a result of his efforts imprisoned members have now been released and have duly called on the President to acknowledge their liberation. (Express photo).

Burial At Sea "Mystery" Solved

Genoa, Apr. 2.

American Consular officials today declared themselves satisfied with the burial at sea, six hours off an Italian port, of an American citizen who died of a heart attack aboard an Egyptian ship.

The British Captain of the steamer, the Mohammed Ali of Keesa, reported last night to port authorities at Leghorn that he had committed to the sea the body of 55-year-old Frank Hanley.

The Captain, Thomas Candish, said Hanley joined the ship at Port Said after being operated on there for a duodenal ulcer. The steamer left Leghorn for Genoa after a brief halt. Later, Leghorn port officials and American officials decided to ask Genoa authorities to find out why Hanley's body was committed to the sea and not brought to land.

When the 8,000-ton cargo and passenger vessel docked today at Genoa, an investigation was carried out by the American Vice-Consul. It was later declared that the Vice-Consul was "completely satisfied" that the Captain of the ship had acted according to the Maritime Code in burying Hanley at sea.—Reuter.

Lighthouse Collapse Threatened

Lisbon, Apr. 3.

Engineers decided today to demolish the lighthouse of Gabbia which, weakened by torrential rains, threatens to collapse across the railway near the mouth of the Tagus, five miles from here.

A landslide at this spot last Monday caused a train crash in which 10 people died.—Reuter.

Snakes Escape Aboard Aircraft

Singapore, Apr. 3.

Two snakes escaped on board an Australian aircraft which arrived here from Sydney and prevented the plane from leaving today because one of them was still missing. They are not poisonous.

The snakes, each seven feet long, escaped through a hole in their crate, leaving a third sleeping.

Airline officials tonight sprayed the plane with gas. They said that if the snakes were still aboard it would not survive the spraying. It is hoped the plane will continue its journey to London tomorrow.—Reuter.

Back After 30 Years-Off Again

London, Apr. 3.

After 30 years' overseas, the 1st Battalion of the City of London's own regular regiment—the Royal Fusiliers—came back to England today.

Two months of battle training in Norfolk and the battalion will be off again to Korea.

On June 17 they will exercise the Regiment's privilege by marching through the streets of London with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

None of the original Fusiliers of the battalion which set out in 1922 has survived the long journey, which led back to England after 30 years in India, the Middle East, Italy and Germany.

Warley Barracks, Brentwood, will be the battalion's base until they go to Korea.—Reuter.

Atomic Cannon In The Offing

Washington, Apr. 3.

Congressional atomic experts asked General J. Lawton Collins today for full particulars on the Army's controversial atomic cannon.

The Army Chief of Staff was called to testify in secret before the Joint Senate and House Atomic Energy Sub-Committee. The group had been directed to get more information on the giant howitzer that the Army has developed to hurl atomic artillery shells.

General Collins said publicly that the gun had been tested—though not necessarily with an atomic projectile. He stated that the howitzer will soon be ready for tactical use.

Twenty of the atomic cannons, described as a cross between a true howitzer and a low trajectory rifle, have been ordered from the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

No dimensions or photographs have been made public.

It is no secret, however, that the size of the gun is regarded by some military leaders as unwieldy.

It is known that for the time being, at any rate, officials are agreed that tactical atomic weapons can best be delivered by plane. Aircraft as small as fighter-bombers are now being equipped to handle tactical bombs.—United Press.

Flying Saucers Again Rear Their Eerie Heads

Have We Visitors From Space?

New York, Apr. 3.

The United States Air Force was reported by Life magazine today to be taking a new serious interest in "flying saucers."

"The Air Force is now ready to concede that many saucer and fireball sightings still defy explanation," Life said in an 11-page article entitled, "Have We Visitors from Space?"

It said the Air Force now maintains constant intelligence investigation of unidentified aerial objects and "military aircraft are alerted to attempt interception."

The magazine declared this represented a sharp change in a previous Air Force policy "officially" concerning the eerie sky phenomena.

Life said its own investigation indicated that solid objects have existed and may still exist in the earth's atmosphere and that they are not of American or Russian origin nor made by any man.

It said it was "plausible" that they originated beyond the earth, possibly on other planets, and that the answer to the mystery "may come in a generation—or tomorrow."

"Somewhere in the dark skies there may be those who know," said Life.

Recognized scientists have seen the objects and given credence to them, the magazine said.

It printed three photographs of strange lights flying in a "V" formation like a flock of geese near Lubbock, Texas. The pictures were taken on August 30, 1951 by Carl Hirt Jr., 28 years old.

Life said "the Air Force, after the closest examination, has found nothing fraudulent about Hirt's pictures."

The magazine said that out of its exhaustive inquiry these propositions seem firmly shaped by the evidence:

"1. Disks, cylinders and similar objects of geometrical form, luminous quality and solid nature for several years have been and may be now actually present in the atmosphere of the earth."

"2. Globes of green fire also of a brightness more intense than the full moon have frequently passed through the skies."

"3. These objects cannot be explained by present science as natural phenomena—but

Huge New Adelaide Airport

Sydney, Apr. 3.

A huge airport is to be built at Salisbury, near Adelaide, at a cost of A\$1,250,000 for the greater protection of secret defence equipment, the Federal Supply Minister said today.—United Press.

Frankfurt, Apr. 3.

A Soviet Army major who recently fled from East Germany made widely contradictory statements here today about the loyalty and morale of the Soviet Army in East Germany.

He was a 33-year-old artillery major whose name was given as Peter Nicolayevich Belov. He escaped to West Germany to marry his German fiancée. He was disillusioned with Soviet rule, he said.

Belov told a Press conference that the Soviet Army in East Germany was no longer loyal to the Soviet regime. But under close questioning he said that the army's morale was "not bad" and that the troops were better equipped and trained than during the war.

"The army is ready to fight at any moment," he said.

Reporters questioned Belov about remarks he made in a statement handed to reporters by American occupation officials at the start of the conference.

In this Belov had said, "The Soviets have real cause for being afraid of their army in East Germany because it is obvious that a majority of the officers and men are not sympathetic to the Communist regime."

Belov failed to give a precise answer when asked what evidence there was in his unit of alleged disloyalty.

He said he assumed that other men felt disaffected because of the restrictions. For instance, the men could not go into the cities and mix with the Germans though Soviet propaganda constantly talked of friendship with them.

Answering further questions about the Soviet soldiers' loyalty, he said he thought that there would be many desertions in the event of a war with the West.—Reuter.

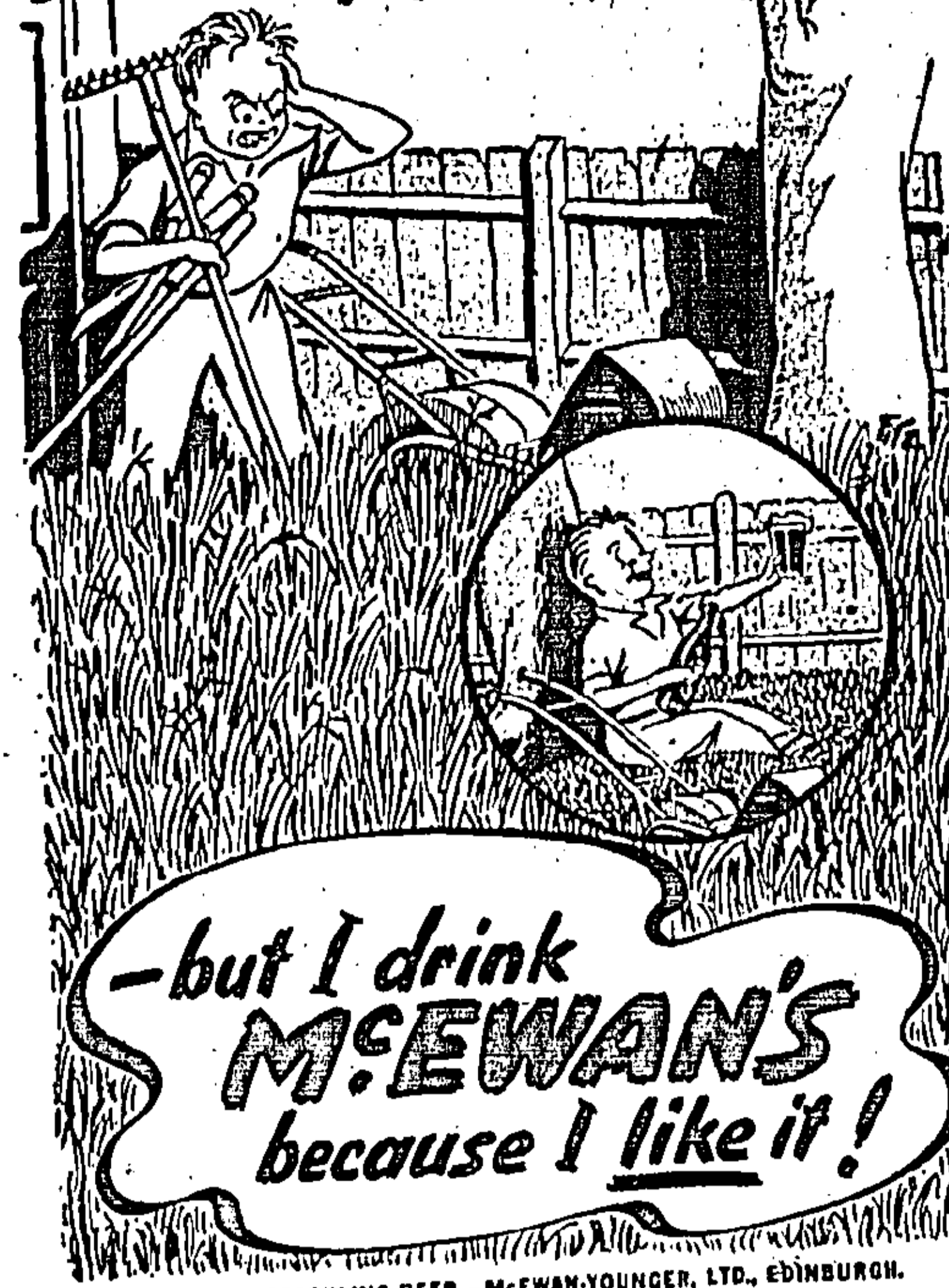
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MARRIAGE VOGUE GROWS AMONG UNDERGRADUATES

By Robert Kingsley

LONDON. ALEXANDER LYON is a 20-year-old student reading law at London University. He is in his second year at University College, and he is a typical representative of that post-war University phenomenon, the student who gets married.

In the years immediately after the war, London, like other universities, received a large number of students who had married while in the Forces and either began or resumed their studies on demobilisation. They were generally older by several years than students normally are.

The ex-Servicemen have mostly gone down now. Their place has been taken by men who have married during the course of their university careers.

What is life like for these "young marrieds" of the university? To find out, I talked to three students—husbands and one student-wife at University College.

Alexander Lyon was one of the three men. He and his wife Hilda both come from Leeds. They married last year and now make their home in a two-room flat (sharing a kitchen) at Crouch Hill, N. 8, that costs them £216 a year.

"We married because it looked as though—if we waited until I had a healthy income we might have to wait for five or six years," said Lyon.

£180 A YEAR

LYON, like the majority of present-day students, receives a grant towards his university education. In his case it comes from the local education authority in Yorkshire, and is worth £180 a year exclusive of tuition and examination fees. His wife works in a shop, and he works during the vacations. He has worked as a busman at £6 a week, as a labourer, and, last Christmas, as a railway porter when he received £12 a week.

The grants which students receive probably contribute to the vogue for marriage while at the university. In the days when parents paid for the majority of students, most fathers would have jibbed at the thought of also supporting a daughter-in-law. Some grants, though not those of county education authorities, make allowances for married students.

A chemistry student, Mark Williams, for instance, receives £300 a year. It is paid under the Further Education Training Scheme awarded to men who were called up to the Services or volunteered before September 1947. Of Williams's £300, £120 is paid for his wife Patricia, £40 for their first child, aged five, and £27 for their second child, a three-year-old.

HER COMPLAINTS

WILLIAMS is 28, and served in the Fleet Air Arm in the last war. He married in 1940, and is in his final year at the university, from which he hopes to go into a job as an industrial chemist.

"My wife's only complaint about being married to a student," he said, "are that she would like more money, and she sometimes gets fed up with my having to work in the evenings, having to get to a cinema or some other kind of show about once in two months."

He and his family are shortly having to leave a Croydon flat with a rental of 21s. for one found for them by the local council where the rent will be 30s. a week. The new flat will also be farther out from London and fares will cost Williams 5s. a day.

"I find I can usually work at home after about seven in the evening, when the children have gone to bed," he said, "but the week-ends are sometimes a bit of a trial."

He has done vacation work as a railway porter and he spent last summer working in a canning factory.

Next summer, Williams will run into a problem that worries all married students who depend on grants as their main source of income. The grants, usually paid in advance at the beginning of each term, do not cover the vacation that follows the last term. There is therefore a difficult gap between the end of term and the time when examination results are known.

LIVING AT HOME

FRANK CARMODY, who is 23, reading French and hoping to enter the civil service, was probably the most fortunate of the students to whom I talked. He and his wife, Audrey, whom he married last year, live with her parents at the Elephant and Castle. Audrey Carmody was studying theology when they met, now she is a school-teacher, and their income, with her salary and his grant, comes to about £10 10s. a week.

Last year was the student-wife, 22-year-old Sheila Robertson, who lives with her ex-student husband in Bealze Park. Mrs Robertson is reading history, as her husband was until he joined the civil service last year. Her grant was dropped from £80 to £40 when she married, but her husband earns nearly £500 a year.

"We just about hold our own," she said, "but we don't see how, starting like this, we shall ever be able to put any money together to save for a proper home." At the moment they pay 32s. 6d. a week rent.

ESSAY FIRST

WHEN she has finished her studies at the university, Mrs Robertson goes home, gets on with the housework and makes a meal for her husband each evening. But of the rival claims of academic and housework she says "If I have an essay to do, that comes first." And her total verdict: "I'm much happier married."

There is no official university view upon the desirability or otherwise of marriage for students. Those who are against it point out that it usually involves vacation jobs, which may mean no studying and no proper relaxation during vacations.

But many single students are forced for economic reasons to take on non-academic work in vacations.

The married students, for their part, contend that their lives are more settled, and they waste less time than they otherwise might in taking girls out to dances, the cinema and so on. The trend seems likely to last as long as educational grants make marriage feasible.



DOUBLE FOR THE BIG RACE

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THE BATTLE IS ON FOR NATO FUNDS

By O. H. BRANDON

Washington. THE United States Administration is now fighting what may become the biggest battle in the 1952 session of Congress—the battle for the NATO funds.

And when the smoke of battle will have cleared—if past experience is any guidance—then Congress will have slashed at least \$445 millions off President Truman's request for \$2,800 millions in dollar foreign aid.

Officials would sigh with relief now if they could be quite sure that the cuts would not be bigger in the end.

Certainly the unexpectedly successful Lisbon conference greatly improved the atmosphere here at first.

But the French Cabinet crisis was a dash of cold water, and there is the obvious danger that those politicians who hate to see Mr Acheson, the Secretary of State, succeed, who want to undermine Gen. Eisenhower at home and who, anyway, dislike too many international commitments, will use the instability of the French Government and the general clamour for economies throughout the country here as an excuse to undermine Mr Truman's foreign policies.

Very Sensitive

Parliaments have much in common under their skins. Like others, the U.S. Congress approves of the Lisbon agreements, appreciates the progress made in the unification of Europe. But spending money is another matter.

With a presidential campaign under way, the most popular demands are for reduced governmental spending, and no higher taxes, and Congress is very sensitive to these demands.

Also in the past the Kremlin has frequently, at crucial moments, been the unconscious ally of the Administration efforts in getting more money out of Congress by precipitating some threatening act. But Moscow has been lying low for some time.

And its last move, the proposal for an early peace treaty conference with Ger-

many, is more likely to influence Congress in the opposite direction.

The latest Russian offer, undoubtedly, was chiefly designed to forestall the military integration of Germany into the West as agreed on at Lisbon, but it may also have been timed to coincide with the opening of the foreign-aid debate.

Congress, in fact, is likely to interpret the new Russian move as an indication that war is less likely, that international tension may slacken further and that therefore a reduction of foreign aid would not be too risky.

Burden of Proof

Another handicap for the Administration is Mr Acheson's seemingly irreparable unpopularity here. Although, he has certainly helped conspicuously to advance the United States role of leadership in the world, he has been unable to advance his own role of leadership at home.

Mr Harriman, who shares with him the task of persuading Congress to pass the mutual assistance programme, has certainly been much less the target of partisan political attacks, but Mr Taft still remembers a sharp political speech which the mutual aid administrator delivered against the Senator at the last election.

With the Administration thus weakened, more of the burden of proof rests on the Europeans, but to adjust progress in Europe to the Congressional calendar is difficult, especially without a French Government that would be strong enough to impose those political and fiscal reforms on the country it badly needs for its own and its Allies' good.

Apart from the actual financial appropriations, another equally fierce battle with Congress will be about the so-called "strings" it likes to attach to foreign aid Bills.

Two Factions

While some of the provisions written into the Mutual Defence Act were essential safeguards for the distribution of money, others failed to make allowance for the super-sensitive nationalisms of some of America's friendly nations for this reason rejected the proffered help.

Mexico was one which refused to accept American aid, while the Indonesian Government, though greatly in need of dollars, fell because it accepted the conditions written into the Bill by Congress.

There are two factions in Congress. The larger one says that whatever country is unwilling to take a stand against

Communism should be excluded from American aid.

The other, small faction, maintains that in a delicate balance between Communism and democracy of economically backward countries, the United States should demonstrate its good will by generosity without strings.

Losing Battle

The State Department has been fighting a losing battle against these and other strings Congress has attached to aid Bills in the past, and this year the fight will be no less difficult.

Of the \$2,800 millions, about one-third is for economic aid. It is on the latter that Congress is planning to use its surgical knife.

There is a general feeling in Congress that after four years of Marshall Aid the European Allies should be able to do without it. Senator Taft is one of the foremost advocates of a complete stoppage of economic aid to Europe.

Britain's stake in the passage of the Bill is about 800 million dollars. A handsome gift. If the Bill were cut, naturally Britain's share would also suffer. But the Conservative Government's determined efforts not only to see its rearmament programme through but also to put its own house in order, no doubt will have considerable influence on the apportioning of Britain's slice of dollar aid.

Big Czech Purge Is Held Up

From
Sebastian Pratt

Belgrade, Mar. 26. THE big purge trials due in Prague are being held up because Vladimir Clementis, 50-year-old former Foreign Minister in the Red Czech Government and some of his associates now held in prison charged with plotting against the regime, have refused to confess.

This information comes from a highly authentic source, a former assistant and friend who was with Clementis the week-end of his arrest in February 1951 and who himself later fled from Prague.

Several times since, Prague Radio has said the trials would begin "shortly," but according to the sources still in Czechoslovakia with whom this informant—now in Yugoslavia—is able to keep underground contact:

"Clementis has made only the old admission of 'nationalist deviations' which the Czech leaders rejected as inadequate, and ever since then has defied his accusers and stubbornly refused to acknowledge his guilt on charges of espionage by the West and treachery."

Many other highly-placed Communist officials arrested about the same time as Clementis—in particular a group of former international Brigadists in Spain—are described as "denying all accusations and by their resolute behaviour upset all the preparations for the trials."

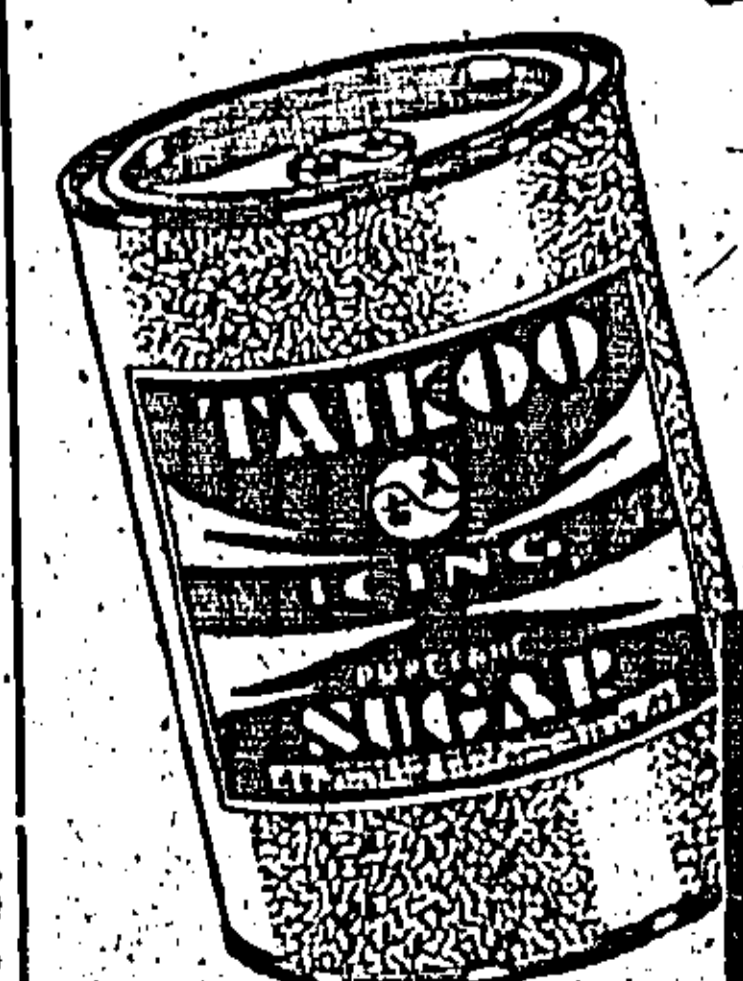
All these prisoners, including Clementis, are still being held under heavy guard in a special prison comprising a number of converted villas a few miles outside Prague on the road to Melnik where day and night their inquisition is proceeding under the direct supervision of a high official of the Soviet M.V.D. (Secret Police) recently brought from Moscow to break down the prisoners' unexpected resistance.

Clementis's attractive wife Lida whom the Czech Party sent to the United States in 1949 with a pledge for her husband's immunity from arrest if he avoided a political "scandal" by returning home, is still at liberty, but it has not been allowed her to leave her house without a secret police escort.

A report that Rudolf Slansky, former secretary-general of the Party arrested last November, has been moved to Moscow is not confirmed.

Slansky is slated as the other major principal of the pending trials which will rank as the biggest in the Communist world since the Moscow trials of the middle thirties.

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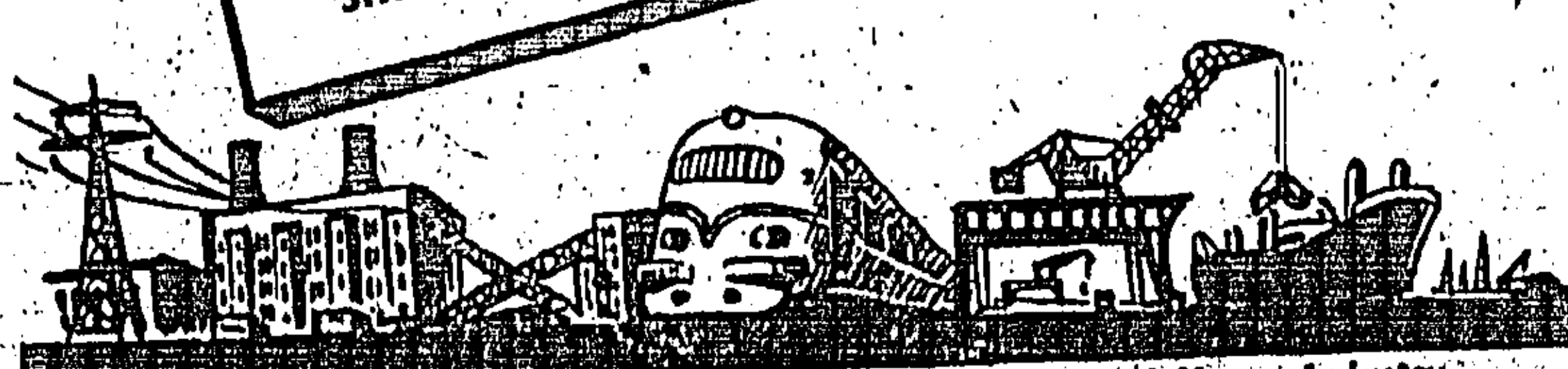


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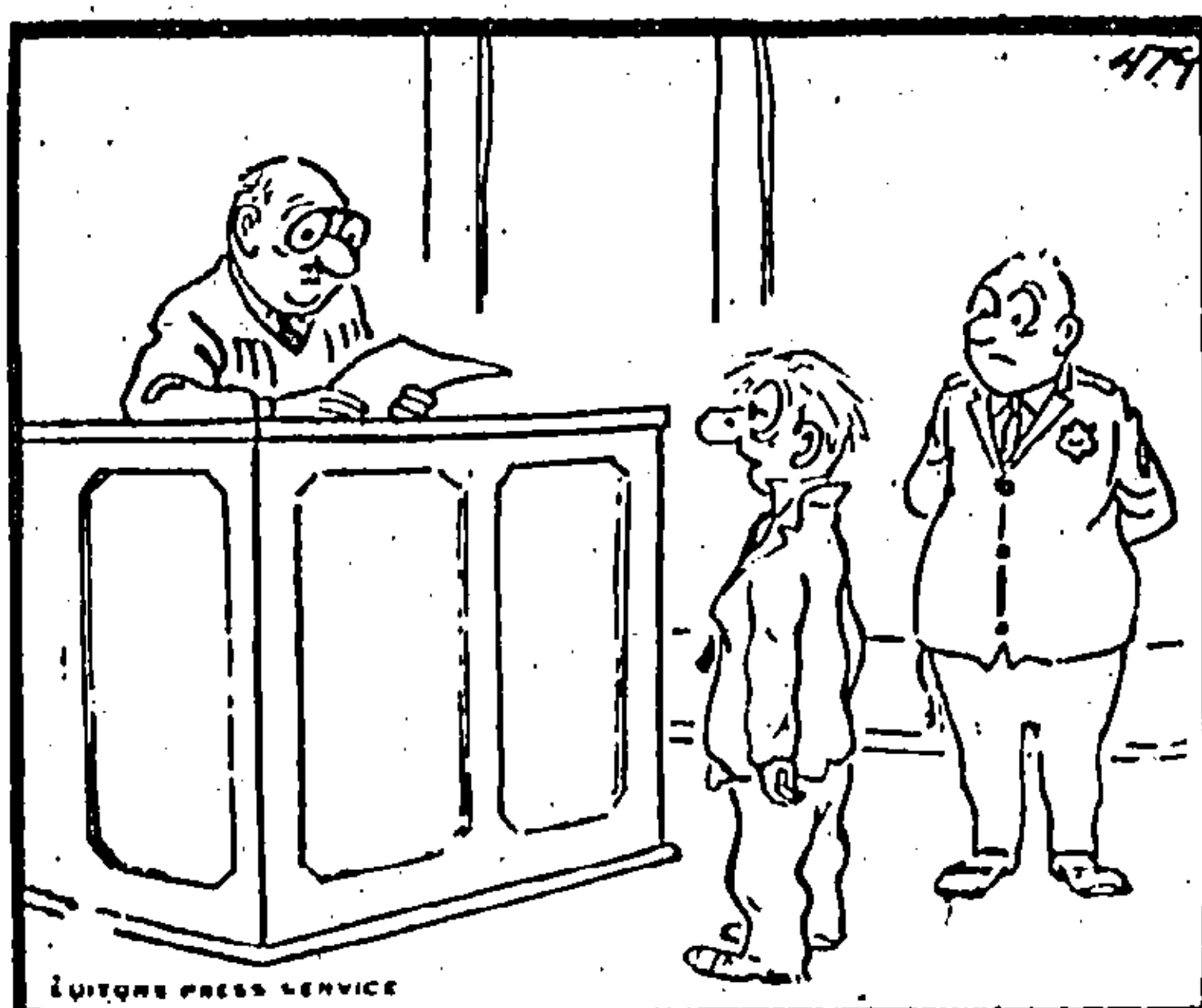
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Opening lead—♠ K

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you hear Walter Herbert conferring his New Orleans symphony orchestra you have to be a good musician yourself to realize how much cold scholarship lies behind the fire and boldness.

Much the same can be said of Herbert's bridge playing. You have to be a good bridge player yourself to understand what a firm base his audacity rests on.

The combination of bridge scholarship and audacity is shown in a hand played by Dr. Herbert at the national championships conducted by the American Contract Bridge League in Detroit last December.

Incidentally, the combination of bridge and music is not a new one to Herbert; he was an internationally famous musician and bridge expert in his native Vienna before the Nazis rose to power.

West opened the king of clubs and then shifted to the jack of spades. Dr. Herbert, playing the South hand, won the second trick with the queen of spades and then made the kibitzers gasp by laying down the ace of trumps to drop West's singleton king.

After this key play there was nothing much to the hand. East was sure to win two trump tricks, but Dr. Herbert was sure to make his contract if declarer had taken a "normal" trump dress, he would have lost his queen to West's singleton king, and East would later take two more trump tricks to set the contract.

The kibitzers may have gasped at the key play, but actually it was based on scholarship rather than on any weird power to see through the backs of the cards. The play of the ace, one of a large group of plays known as "safety" plays, is the sort of maneuver that cannot lose but may gain.

The king had not dropped, Dr. Herbert was still in position to enter the dummy and return a trump toward his queen. This would give him every advantage that he might derive from the success of a "normal" trump dress, and he would have lost his queen to West's singleton king, and East would later take two more trump tricks to set the contract.

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1 Heart Double Pass 2 Heart 3 Spades K-10-8-7. Heart 5, Diamonds Q-J-3-2, Clubs K-Q-4-3. What do you do?

A—Bid 4 Hearts. This unusual bid cannot show a heart suit, for if you had strong hearts you would have bid 4 Hearts. Instead this bid announces a willingness to reach a match, and a desire to have support for the doubler's best suit.

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A—You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-7-4, Hearts 5-2, Diamonds K-10-8-6, Clubs A-K-3. What do you do?

Answers Tomorrow

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She spends much of her year's dress allowance on hats—for her, the crazier the better.

And in this one-woman Easter parade she shows some of the mad hats for every one.

1—NEW YORKER... Robin Hood felt a lemon-yellow, covered grey lace veiling. Huge feather is silver kid. 2—THREE TO MAKE READY... they suit cap of black felt, bears a pair of black ostrich plumes. 3—COPACABANA... Spring straw in white with enormous sprays of pink and white apple blossom. 4—COFFEE IN BRAZIL... lovely-day boater in

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A MAN sat at table talking with his mouth full. His aged father, by the fire, who could not understand a word of what his son was saying, cried out: "Sixty-one years ago, when you were nine, I began to correct this evil habit of yours. Since then I have constantly harped on the goodness of talking with the mouth full. My reproofs have had no effect. The man at the table, still munching, made an unintelligible sound. Swallowing your food before you speak," said the old father. "You can't swallow this food without it coming out. It's like furniture. The old man looked at her in amazement. "What an utterly stupid observation," he said.

NOW this man at the table was having his waistcoat buttoned down to his trousers up-to-date. The waistcoat hung limply down over his chest like a comic breast-plate, and it was not buttoned behind. The waistline of the trousers was sagging round the ankles. There was a bunch of buttons round the calves, and then, as the trousers got narrower, they were pulled together. The trousers were arrested by the bones of the knees, and the garment could be pulled—no

higher without bursting the seams. He above the knees the cater had only his loose-hanging shirt to keep him warm. This, too, the old father noticed with acute displeasure and disapproval. Time wore on. The cater, his mouth always full, muttered unintelligibly. Presently the cater sat back and wiped his face. His mouth being now empty, he stopped talking. The old man and the old woman went up to bed. When the old man went up to bed, he took a knowing smile, put his trousers on the right way up and adjusted his waistcoat. Then he too went up to his bedroom. Next morning, the old father was down early, to have a word with his son, before the nonsense started again. But he was too late. The son's mouth was already full, and he was wearing his hat strapped to his chest, and his overcoat was tied round his neck.

WHEN the aunt, now 62, came down, she said to the old man: "I have been reckoning up, Ben. I must have been just one year old when you first told me not to talk with my mouth full. I suppose he's too old to grow up now. There was no reply."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

BORN today, the stars have given you a number of interesting characteristics with which to cope. Impulsive and erratic by nature, you have a high imagination and a strong sense of adventure. You also have a strong, innate caution which fortunately keeps you from getting into too much trouble all at once. You have a shrewd, keen mind and a highly idealistic code of ethics by which you will adhere no matter at how much personal sacrifice.

Kindly and sympathetic to all with whom you come in contact, you still can be a wall of stubborn resistance if you are attacked. In conversation, you are a tough person to meet. Yet, you do not have an overpowering desire for material wealth. You will pour your wealth into a project until it jeopardizes you, if you feel it is

an idea that should be projected for the common good of all. You will work hard at something that interests you, but you can only very easily be bored with your job.

Fate may appear to play a large part in your fortunes. At some period in your life, an opportunity which could influence the entire balance of your life may come up. Be sure to recognize it and accept it. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Go on a shopping spree this morning and refurnish your spring wardrobe. Do you good!

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21): A good week-end to fix up the house. Maybe that spring house-cleaning is in order.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Do what you can to get things at home in good order. You might buy some new furnishings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): If advice is well-timed, then accept it. It might be a good idea to plan a home party for people who have just moved into your neighborhood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): A good time to spend with your family. Be cheerful and gay. Plan an entertaining get-together.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): A fine day for self-improvement. Personal appearances can prove very important just now.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): It might be a good idea to plan a home party for people who have just moved into your neighborhood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): Fine prospects for social gatherings. Be host or hostess to a congenial party.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23): If there have been minor misunderstandings at home, this is a good day to clear them up.

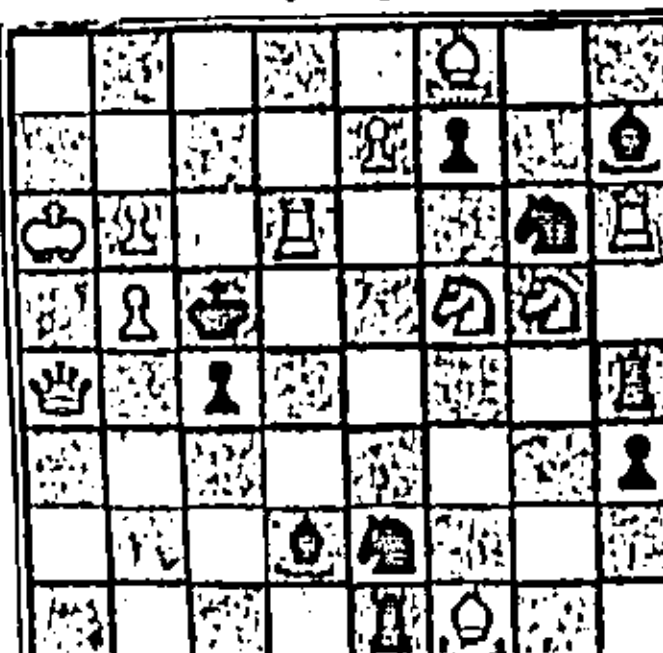
CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 24): Start a small savings plan today for something you want. Then it isn't a luxury any more!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 25-Feb. 19): Join a friend in pursuing a hobby which can bring mutual pleasure and relaxation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Older members of your family may ask for help and advice. A fine day for giving it.

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. BRENNER
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-K3, any; 2. Kt (ch or dis ch) mates.

CROSSWORD

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Once There Were No Umbrellas

—No One Needed Them; It Rained Only at Night—

By MAX TRELL

"DID I ever tell you," said Ting-a-Ling to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "how umbrellas came into this world?"

Knarf and Hanid, who had never given umbrellas a thought, and had certainly never wondered about how they had ever come into this world (for it never occurred to them that there was a time when umbrellas weren't in this world), both shook their heads.

"We'd like very much to hear that story," said Hanid to Ting-a-Ling.

No Need For Umbrellas

Ting-a-Ling smiled. "Well," he began, "know then that long ago, before any of our grandfathers or grandmothers were even born, there lived people who had never heard of umbrellas. And, to tell you the truth, there was no need for them to think of any."

"Why not, Ting-a-Ling? Why didn't people have to think of umbrellas?" Knarf asked.

"For a very simple reason. The rain never fell in the day-time when people were out. It only fell at night while everyone was fast asleep. Perhaps, now and then, but very seldom, the sky might get dark and a shower might fall. But the showers lasted only a few minutes, and there was always the sound of thunder and the flash of lightning to give ample warning of their coming. So that no one ever got wet."

"Thus, for years and years and years—hundreds and hundreds of years—umbrellas (even if there had been any) would never have been used."

But one day, and a gloomy grey day it was, all this was changed.

"My goodness! What happened?" Hanid said.

Everyone Was Surprised

"It started to rain," Ting-a-Ling answered. "A long, all-day, drip-drip-drip rain. At first everyone was surprised. They looked up into the sky to see where all the rain was coming from. But all they found out, alas, was that the raindrops made their faces wet. No one could quite believe that water was falling from the sky. And no one, of course, knew exactly what to do about it."

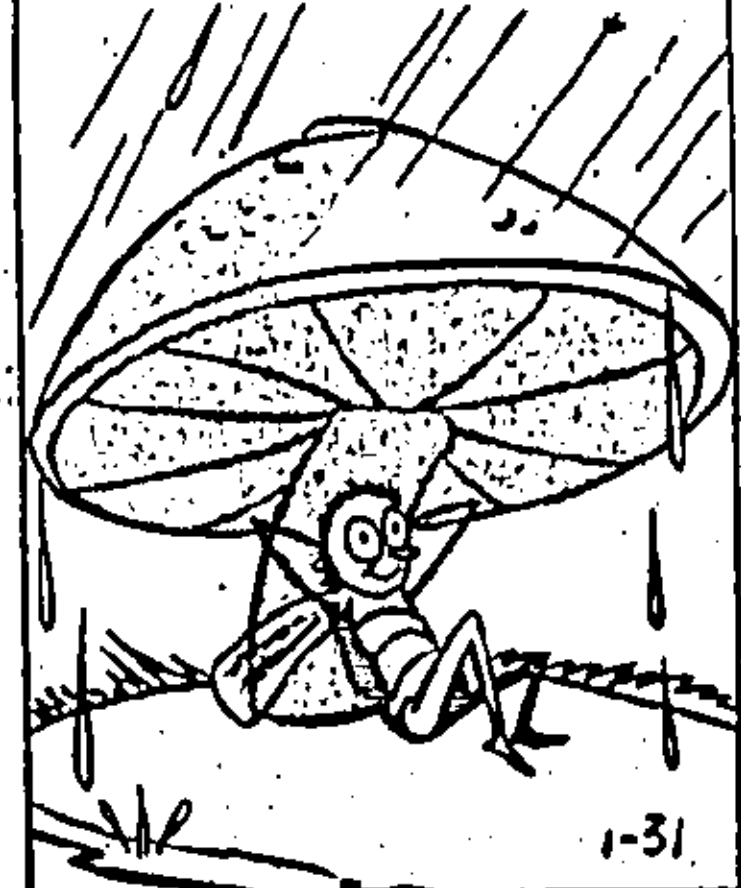
"Why didn't they go inside their houses?" said Knarf.

"They did, finally, but that didn't please them either. For many of the people—indeed most of them—had work to do. Some had to go shopping, some had to go from one end of the town to the other, the children had to go to school. But how could they go out in the rain? How could they keep the rain from falling on them?"

"Everyone," continued Ting-a-Ling, "wondered and wondered what to do. Some thought that a way might be found to stop the rain, or to make it fall some other place. Some thought that basins and bowls should be set on all the tree-tops to catch the rain before it reached the ground. Alas, none of these schemes worked."

Gave Rain No Head

"And then," said Ting-a-Ling, "Ming the Wise Man went for a walk in the meadow behind his house. The rain fell on his bare head but he



The tiny moth sat contentedly under this growing thing.

gave it no heed. "I will look about me," he said, "and see what the moths and the butterflies do to keep the raindrops from wetting their wings."

"And all at once his sharp eyes caught sight of a tiny moth fluttering as fast as it could towards something that had just grown up out of the ground. Ming the Wise Man got down on his hands and knees to examine this thing more closely."

"It was small," said Ting-a-Ling. "It had a short, thick stem. And the top of it was round and curved. As he looked, he saw the tiny moth sitting contentedly under it. And though the raindrops splattered against the round, curved top of this growing thing, they all rolled off the edges and not a drop hit the ground directly under it. The moth was perfectly dry."

"Ting-a-Ling! What was that growing thing?" Hanid asked excitedly.

"A mushroom," replied Ting-a-Ling. "A tiny, live umbrella growing in the rain. And then, from that instant on, Ming the Wise Man knew what an umbrella was, and everyone else in this world learned it from him."

Then Ting-a-Ling smiled.

The Secret Charm Of Hanging Draperies.

Much charm is destroyed if curtains don't hang evenly.

By ELEANOR ROSS

NO matter how lovely the draw draperies and the curtains, much of their charm is destroyed if they don't hang evenly, opened or closed. After all the aligning, the pulling and fussing, the uneven look will still be there unless the ceiling or wall-type traverse rods run parallel with the floor or other established line or base.

Of course, if the draperies have been custom-made and fitted, such defects are not likely to occur.

★ **Resetting Rods:** It isn't too difficult a job to reset the curtain rods, and the result is worth the work. The first task is to check the distance from the floor all along the rods, and then, with a ruler, to measure any variation, marking the rods at places where this occurs.

The entire traverse rod and brackets should be removed. If wall-type, attach the rod to the wall at the position of its shortest distance to the floor, then carefully relocate the other positions where they vary. If the traverse rod has been mounted on the ceiling, remove and attach it instead to a strip of wood 4 inches wide and an inch thick, and the same length as the rod.

★ **Round-head Screws:** Drill holes through the wood to accommodate round-head screws of sufficient length to go through and into the ceiling mounting. Put washers under the screws, then carefully fit layers of rubber sponge on the projecting points. The thickness of the layers can be determined from the measurements you marked on the rod. The rubber is

omitted where not needed, of course. Now screw the entire unit back into place, but without tightening the wood against the rubber just yet.

To align the rod perfectly, hook a length of wire into the centre drape carrier. Attach a weight, such as a fishing sinker, to the bottom of the wire so that it barely touches the floor, then move the carrier on its rod, adjusting the screws as you go along, until the weight maintains the equal distance from the bottom along its entire course. Now shift the weight to the other carrier and repeat with the second half of the rod.

Where draw cords pass through a wall pulley, usually mounted close to the floor, it often becomes necessary to take up the slack due to cord stretching. To remedy this, tie a 4-inch long string about 1/4-inch in diameter in stretched position into the cord loop.

In the case of weighted pulleys, replace with a spring-stretched pulley. In this change make sure to cut the cords with a long taper, and when sewing together again overlap the cords about two inches, whipping with thread.

All sounds complicated on paper, perhaps, but really none of this is difficult at all, even for the real amateur about the house.

MATERIAL IMPORTANCE

By ALICE ALDEN

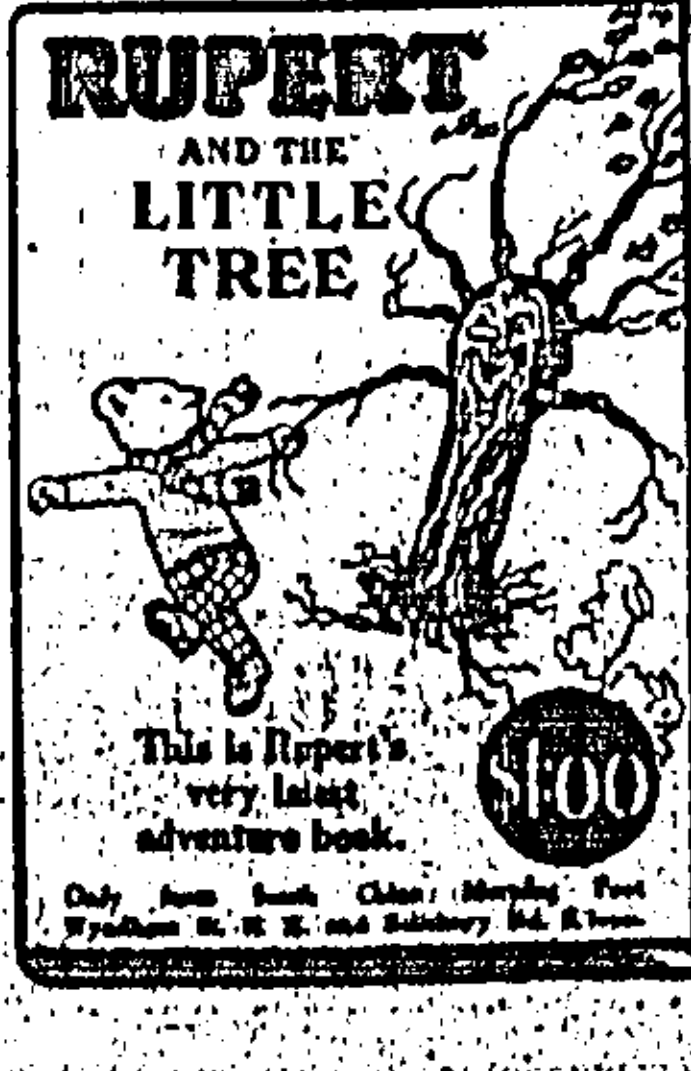
WITH new techniques in the weaving of wool jersey has come a new feeling for this favourite fabric. Very new and striking is tweed jersey, and it is used by Hannah Troy here for a new approach to after-five wear. The slim-lined dress offers a handsome setting for a lavish overlay of jet motifs defined by rich black soutache. Jet cabochons interspersed with soutache braid and ball fringe simulate an antique necklace border for the softly dipping neckline. Soft, short sleeves to barely cover the shoulder-line, and a trim skirt are in keeping with the deliberate simplicity of the silhouette, and the novelty of tweed jersey under the bright lights.



Rupert and the New Bonnet—13

Bill Badger greets his pal happily. "You said you'd join me, but I didn't expect you to come from that side," he says. "I really didn't mean to!" laughs Rupert. "Is this the wood where you are trying to solve the mystery?"

"And it is now more mysterious than ever. Look at this fog. I don't believe it is an ordinary fog at all. It smells more like something burning, but the wood can't be on fire. It's autumn and it's too damp." "Sh-sh, I can hear a sound," whispers Rupert grabbing his arm.



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U.S. Carbines For Malayan Jungle War

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Singapore, Apr. 3. Twelve thousand United States Army carbines—better than Bren guns or Sten guns for jungle fighting—are being sent to Malaya, said General Sir Gerald Templer, the High Commissioner.

British troops and planters have long clamoured for these weapons. Sir Winston Churchill pressed for them during his Washington visit, but America had refused so far, because of U.S. Army needs.

Carbines are short, accurate rifles, which can be switched from a single shot to automatic fire with the flick of the finger. The Bren, a fine weapon, is too cumbersome for the jungle; the Sten, a short-range weapon, is too inaccurate.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1952.

French and Spanish Troops Suddenly Move Into Tangier

Tangier, Apr. 3. The arrival of French and Spanish troops today caused great excitement in Tangier and thousands of Moors crowded the streets.

The French came in a train consisting of six armoured cars. Spanish Moroccan forces comprised one squadron of mounted regulars armed with carbines and sabres, Moors commanded by Captain S. Costa.

The Moors remained hidden in the sand dunes outside the city until the French had arrived from Rabat.

A spokesman here said the forces would be under the command of the Tangier chief of police and were expected to remain in the city or as long as the International Control Committee felt was necessary.

A communiqué from the Madrid government said the Spanish troops would be charged with maintaining order on the outskirts of the town and another announcement said French troops would be on patrol duty in the city proper.

The French troop train was manned by men armed with tommyguns and revolvers. The forces mustered in Tangier railway station on the harbour front, preparing to parade through the principal streets of the city.

The official communiqué from Madrid said the troops were being used to "fulfil an accord reached by the Control Committee to restore complete tranquillity to the population of Tangier, which is somewhat alarmed in view of the Muslim festivity on Friday."—United Press.

PAPER SUSPENDED Paris, Apr. 3. The Tangier authorities suspended for 15 days the Istiglal (Nationalist) newspaper El Alam. It was reported here today.

An official communiqué accused the "extremist Press" of bearing much responsibility for recent incidents in the interna-

Deluge Hits Orchestra

London, Apr. 3.

A few minutes after the start of "Fenny Blah" at St. Martin's Theatre, London, finished their first-half finale, "Feet Across the Sea," the safety curtain jarred against the fire-sprinkler system.

For two minutes water poured on to the orchestra and the front row of the stalls.

Three members of the orchestra were drenched, two pianos and two drums were damaged, and a woman sitting in the front row of the circle was so surprised that she toppled her tray of coffee into the orchestra stalls. The show went on.

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